



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday Dec 2	5:00 pm	† Walenty Gorski (Family Member)
Sunday Dec 3	8:30 am	† Biagio Forte (Civita Forte & Famiglia)
	10:00 am	† Rocco Santaluce (Vittoria Santaluce & Family) “On the Occasion of Frederick Nicomedez 21st Birthday” (The Family) † Adam Lecznar (Family & Friends) “Mary, Joseph, Xavier & Thomas” (Justy Thomas)
	11.30 am	PRO POPULO
Monday Dec 4	10:00 am	† Joe Lo Giudice (Maria Creta)
Tuesday Dec 5	8:00 am	
Wednesday Dec 6	7:00 pm	“Mass for the Homeless People” (Mirko Wasylenko)
Thursday Dec 7	8:00 am	† Joe Mongillo (Maria Creta)
Friday Dec 8	8:00 am	“In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary” (Mafalda Perri)
Saturday Dec 9	5:00 pm	
Sunday Dec 10	8:30 am	† Anna & Francesco Mongillo (Maria Creta)
	10:00 am	† Joao De Medeiros & All Souls (Maria De Medeiros) † Joanne Betolin (Anna Maria Cerullo) † Arno Gutschmidt (Anna Maria Cerullo) † Adam Lecznar (Family & Friends)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO

Watch

Happy New Year! The Church's calendar begins today. The word "Advent" means "coming" and starts with a message similar to the theme of last week's Mass. Be ready and watch for the coming of Jesus, as we anticipate Christ's advent on Christmas, we do away with the materialism of the modern world by focusing on the real meaning of the feast: God enters human existence in a totally personal way; we look forward to Jesus' arrival in our lives through the blossoming of our faith. We bring his body into the world through our union with him in the communion of saints. (Father Lonsdale Commentaries and Clip-Art)



Share your homemade Christmas sweets!

Donations of home baking are needed for our annual Bake Sale Table. We are calling on all bakers to help and bake up a

*Bake & Floral Sale
Next Saturday & Sunday
Dec. 9/10*

favorite cake, cookies, cupcakes or pies. Here are the rules: "Nothing that needs to be refrigerated (no cheesecake or anything made with cream or cream cheese, no pumpkin pies or pecan or custard pies) we would love if EVERYTHING was INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED". Try to use containers that do not need to be returned to you. Also accepted are homemade jam & jellies and or monetary donations. Anyone donating baked goods please drop them off at the parish hall Friday December 8 anytime between 1 & 6 pm. Thank you so much for your help!

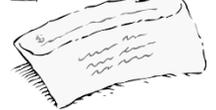
Pre-Order your Christmas Arrangements

A variety of Christmas Planters and Poinsettia will be available at our Bake Sale. The supplier has sent photos of the planters for advance orders. If you wish to place an order, you can do so. Order forms and photos are located on the cabinets or on the table in the back of the Church.

Sunday Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2018 are located at the front of the church on the south exit door. We ask that you remember your envelopes number as the envelopes are filed numerically. Volunteers are on hand with an alphabetic master list just in case. New/Un-used boxes are available for parishioners' interested in using Sunday Offering Envelopes. Write your name and address on the first few envelopes. For those parishioners who have not made a formal contact with the parish over the past year, envelopes have been cancelled. This process allows us to tidy up our computer listings and frees unused boxes of envelopes. Thank you for your continued support!

Offering Envelopes



New Season - New Prayer Book

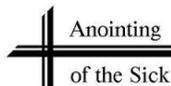
The new prayer book "St. Joseph's Sunday Missal" for the 2017/2018 season is now available. The cost of the Sunday Missal is \$5.00. Volunteers of the social committee are happy to help you.

Christmas Fruit Cakes

Limited quantities of Christmas Fruit Cakes are available for purchase. The cakes support the Campaign Life Coalition. There are 2 formats - regular bar cake (680gr) \$18.00 and deluxe square cake for \$25.00. The cakes have arrived and are available for pick up; Mike Cerullo will be more than happy to help you.



The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick



The Special Mass and Anointing of the Sick for Senior Members of the community will take place **this Sunday afternoon December 3 at**

3:00 pm. Anointing of the Sick is meant for baptized Catholics of all ages who seek the recovery of physical, mental, and spiritual health, those who are seriously impaired due to sickness, injury, or old age; those who are alienated from God and community because of physical or emotional disorders; those who have been wounded by evil, those who will be undergoing surgery.

Advent 2017 Day of Confessions

Dec 10 – 16

Most parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto are providing special opportunities for people to receive this sacrament during Advent in the "Archdiocesan Day of Confessions" by hosting individual reconciliation services. In our parish, Father Frank will hear confessions Wednesday December 13th from 6 – 7 pm.

Candlelight Service of Remembrance

Ridley Funeral Home would like to extend an invitation to all our community to attend the Holiday & Hope Candlelight Service. The Service will be held at Assembly Hall (1 Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive) this coming Wednesday, December 6th at 7 pm. Guest speaker will be Dr. Bill Webster. Refreshments will follow; there is no charge to attend.

Serra Vocation

The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God's "particular task" for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Sanctuary Lamp

The month of December the Sanctuary Lamp is sponsored by Shirley Hernando & Family:

**In Loving Memory of Husband
"Marcos G. Celis"**

We wish to thank all our Sanctuary Lamp Sponsors for the donations throughout the year that keep the flame alive reminding us of the "Eternal and everlasting Light"



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017

Good deeds

Men's & Women's shelters provide clean, washable clothing to people who need them. There is a need for new socks and underwear. Parishioners are asked to purchase sport/work socks and/or underwear, when doing their Christmas shopping, and bring them to the hamper which will be placed inside the entrance of the church. Deacon Alan will ensure they are delivered to the Good Shepherd Centre or other men's/women's shelters. It is remarkable how much joy such a simple act of kindness can bring.

Memorial Mass

Saturday December 9th 2017 @ 9:30 am a memorial mass will be celebrated for the soul of Paola Mastroianni who passed away October 18, 2017. The parishioners are invited to participate. *Eternal rest grant unto them o Lord!*

Knights of Columbus Christmas Cards

The Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Grace Council are selling their religious Christmas Cards at the entrance to the church after the 10 and 11:30 mass celebrations. Consider purchasing religious Christmas cards and support your Knights in fund raising activities for their charitable efforts. The Cards are \$10.00 per package.

The Advent Wreath

Of all the Advent signs and symbols, one of the more vivid and welcome is the Advent Wreath whether gracing the church or adorning the table at home. The circular wreath represents God's eternity and unity, evergreens a symbol of enduring life and the candles, an expression of the growing anticipation of the birth of [Jesus Christ](#), the LIGHT of the world. The candles traditionally named The Prophecy Candle, The Bethlehem Candle, The Shepherds Candle, The Angels Candle, those growing circles of light urges us – to Listen, to Prepare, to Behold, to Rejoice!



The Season of Advent & Christmas

*Don't get caught up in Shopping, Stressing,
Planning & Buying. Come take part in
Waiting, Expecting, Hoping & Praying.*